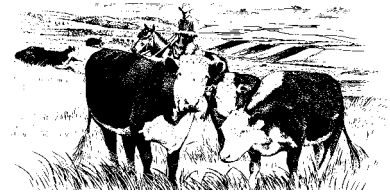


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	Cattle On Feed		Cold Storage
	Livestock Slaughter		Livestock Slaughter

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 410 thousand head on December 1, 1998, 3 percent above last month and the same as December 1997. During November, placements of 70.0 thousand head were 7 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 22 percent above November 1997. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

than 600 pounds were 740 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 557 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 437 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 317 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 2 percent above 1997 and slightly above 1996. Other disappearance totaled 78.0 thousand during November, 8 percent below 1997 and 16 percent below 1996.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

U.S. cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.03 million head on December 1, 1998. The inventory was 4 percent below December 1, 1997, but 4 percent above December 1, 1996. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 7 percent below 1997 and 13 percent below 1996. Net placements were 1.97 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.41 million on December 1, 1998 in the historic seven states. This was down 3 percent from the previous year, but 5 percent above December 1, 1996. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.73 million, 6 percent below 1997 and 12 percent below 1996. Marketings during November totaled 1.45 million, 1 percent above 1997 and 2 percent above 1996. Other disappearance during November was 63.0 thousand head, 9 percent below 1997 and 5 percent below 1996.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed November 1 1/			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1997	1998
	----- Thousand Head -----						
Arizona	215	205	95	55	36	24	25
California	390	400	103	75	70	45	55
Colorado	1,140	1,170	103	210	210	185	180
Iowa	325	300	92	66	59	35	33
Kansas	2,350	2,260	96	490	420	410	410
Nebraska	2,130	2,030	95	410	450	330	310
Texas	2,840	2,830	100	520	480	400	435
Seven-State Total	9,390	9,195	98	1,826	1,725	1,429	1,448
State	Other Disappearance During November 2/		Number on Feed December 1		1998/1997		
	1997	1998	1997	1998			
	----- Thousand Head -----				Percent		
Arizona	3	2	243	214	88		
California	10	5	410	410	100		
Colorado	5	10	1,160	1,190	103		
Iowa	1	1	355	325	92		
Kansas	20	20	2,410	2,250	93		
Nebraska	10	10	2,200	2,160	98		
Texas	20	15	2,940	2,860	97		
Seven-State Total	69	63	9,718	9,409	97		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during November 1998 totaled 87.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent below last month, but 7 percent above November 1997. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 1998, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,274 pounds; calves, 131 pounds; and hogs, 212 pounds.

RECORD HIGH PORK PRODUCTION FOR FIFTH SUCCESSIVE MONTH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in November, up 8 percent from the 3.45 billion pounds produced in November 1997.

November 1997 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. November 1998 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.00 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, up 1 percent from 1997. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year to 1,211 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 19 percent below a year ago and 17 percent below the previous record low for November set in 1992. Calf slaughter totaled 112 thousand head, down 10 percent from November 1997. The average live weight, at 285 pounds, was 28 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled 1.68 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the previous year and 3 percent above the previous record high for November set in 1994. This marked the fifth successive month and the eighth month overall in 1998 for record high pork production. Hog kill totaled 8.81 million head, 14 percent above 1997. The average live weight, at 261 pounds, was 1 pound above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was down 5 percent from the previous record low for November set in 1997. Sheep slaughter totaled 298 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 4 pounds from November a year ago.

January-November red meat production was 41.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 1 percent higher than last year; veal, down 23 percent; pork, up 10 percent; and lamb and mutton, down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 1997-98 1/

Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
CATTLE	- 1,000 Head -		- 1,000 Pounds -		- Pounds -	
Calif.	81.2	82.6	102,687	105,201	1,264	1,274
U.S. Total	2,760.3	2,774.5	3,279,861	3,358,722	1,188	1,211
CALVES						
Calif.	15.1	12.7	5,074	1,657	336	131
U.S. Total	125.2	112.1	39,186	31,956	313	285
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Calif.	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	309.5	297.8	41,408	38,666	134	130
HOGS						
Calif.	149.0	189.6	32,193	40,266	216	212
U.S. Total	7,742.1	8,808.9	2,015,206	2,299,701	260	261
RED MEAT	November 1997	October 1998 2/	November 1998	Nov. 98 Nov. 97	Nov. 98 Oct. 98	
	--- Million Pounds ---		-- Percent --			
	Calif.	81.7	92.3	87.5	107	95
	U.S. Total	3,450.3	4,033.2	3,725.5	108	92

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1998 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle						Calves Total
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
1	21.4	3.1	2.6	12.6	0.8	2.2	47.3
2	99.2	13.2	5.3	69.4	2.2	9.0	300.2
3	919.5	424.9	78.0	286.3	108.0	22.4	3/
4	869.0	14.5	34.0	247.1	490.4	82.9	208.4
5	3,374.2	1,454.4	564.5	883.7	368.3	103.4	473.6
6	6,225.2	3,069.8	2,142.5	124.1	742.0	146.8	38.5
7	14,466.1	7,811.9	5,753.6	132.5	709.9	58.2	0.9
8	3,084.3	1,547.6	1,212.1	45.4	225.2	53.9	---
9	1,362.6	656.9	105.4	454.9	112.7	32.7	194.5
10	1,531.7	713.9	460.4	134.9	188.2	34.3	30.6
U.S. 2/	31,953.1	15,710.4	10,358.4	2,390.8	2,947.6	545.9	1,294.0
	Hogs			Sheep			Lambs & Yearlings
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
1	17.5	16.8	0.6	0.1	17.7	4.5	13.3
2	125.7	123.8	1.5	0.4	109.3	22.1	87.1
3	4/	---	---	---	104.5	7.1	97.4
4	20,165.5	19,239.0	913.6	13.0	12.1	8.3	3.8
5	4/	---	---	---	403.2	50.4	352.7
6	4,035.3	3,797.0	237.2	1.1	441.5	48.7	392.8
7	59,351.6	57,325.1	1,582.9	443.6	493.9	18.7	475.1
8	4,094.7	3,713.0	381.6	0.1	1,273.5	23.1	1,250.5
9	1,967.2	1,965.7	1.4	0.1	5/	---	---
10	296.1	291.9	3.8	0.5	470.9	6.3	464.5
U.S. 2/	90,053.7	86,472.2	3,122.6	458.8	3,326.5	189.2	3,137.3

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

3/ Regions 3-4 are combined for calves to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ Regions 3-4, and 5 & 7 are combined for hogs to avoid disclosing individual operations.

5/ Regions 9-10 are combined for sheep to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1999 RELEASE DATES					
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE AND CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE					
12:00 NOON RELEASE (* 5:30 AM PST RELEASE)					
JANUARY	11	Cotton Ginnings *	FEBRUARY	5	Dairy Products
		Crop Production *		10	Cotton Ginnings *
	12	Crop Production - Annual *			Crop Production *
		Grain Stocks *		12	Potato Stocks
		Rice Stocks *			Crop Values
		Winter Wheat & Rye Seedings *		19	Cattle On Feed
	14	Potato Stocks			Cold Storage - Annual
		Vegetables			Cold Storage
	15	Milk Production			Farm Labor
		Turkeys		23	Chickens & Eggs
		Vegetables - Annual		26	Honey
	21	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts Preliminary			Agricultural Prices
	22	Cold Storage			
		Cattle On Feed			
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			
	28	Layers & Egg Production - Annual			
	29	Cattle			
	Sheep & Goats				
	Chickens & Eggs				
	Agricultural Prices				
MARCH	5	Livestock Slaughter - Annual	APRIL	8	Vegetables
	11	Crop Production *		9	Crop Production *
	12	Potato Stocks		14	Potato Stocks
	19	Cattle On Feed		16	Cattle On Feed
		Cold Storage		19	Hatchery Production - Annual
	22	Chickens & Eggs		20	Cold Storage
	25	Cotton Ginnings *		22	Dairy Products - Annual
	26	Hogs & Pigs		23	Chickens & Eggs
	30	Agricultural Prices		27	Floriculture Crops
	31	Grain Stocks *		30	Agricultural Prices
		Rice Stocks *			
	Prospective Plantings *				
MAY	12	Cotton Ginnings - Annual *	JUNE	11	Crop Production *
		Crop Production *		18	Cattle On Feed
	19	Ag. Chemical Usage - Field Crops			Cold Storage
	21	Cattle On Feed		22	Chickens & Eggs
		Meat Animals Prod./Disp./Income		24	Cherry Production (Tent.)
		Milk Prod./Disp./Income		25	Hogs & Pigs
		Cold Storage		29	Agricultural Prices
		Farm Labor		30	Grain Stocks *
	24	Chickens & Eggs			Acreage *
28	Agricultural Prices				
JULY	7	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts - Annual	AUGUST	12	Cotton Ginnings *
	9	Vegetables			Crop Production *
	12	Crop Production *		18	Mushrooms
	16	Cattle		20	Cattle On Feed
		Cattle On Feed			Cold Storage
		Sheep			Farm Labor
	20	Cold Storage		24	Chickens & Eggs
		Farm Production Expenditures		27	Rice Stocks *
	21	Ag. Chemical Usage - Vegetables		31	Agricultural Prices
	23	Chickens & Eggs			
	Ag. Prices - Annual				
30	Agricultural Prices				
SEPTEMBER	9	Vegetables	OCTOBER	5	Ag. Chemical Usage - Restricted Use
	10	Crop Production *			Summary
		Cotton Ginnings *		7	Vegetables
	17	Cattle On Feed		8	Cotton Ginnings *
	20	Cold Storage			Crop Production *
	21	Chickens & Eggs		15	Cattle On Feed
	23	Citrus Fruits		20	Cold Storage
	24	Cotton Ginnings *		22	Chickens & Eggs
		Hogs & Pigs			Cotton Ginnings *
	29	Agricultural Prices		29	Rice Stocks *
30	Small Grain Summary *		Agricultural Prices		
	Grain Stocks *				
NOVEMBER	10	Cotton Ginnings *	DECEMBER	10	Cotton Ginnings *
		Crop Production *			Crop Production *
	19	Cattle On Feed		17	Cattle On Feed
		Farm Labor		20	Cold Storage
		Cold Storage		21	Chickens & Eggs
	23	Chickens & Eggs		23	Cotton Ginnings *
	24	Cotton Ginnings *		28	Hogs & Pigs
30	Agricultural Prices	30	Agricultural Prices		

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

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Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 1997	October 1998	Nov. 15, 1998	November 1997	October 1998	Nov. 15, 1998
		----- Dollars -----					
All Hay, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	127.00	93.00	86.00	100.00	85.20	81.40
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	128.00	96.00	89.00	107.00	88.10	85.00
Hogs <u>3/ 4/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	45.10	27.40	19.20
Cows <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	32.00	30.00	29.50	31.90	30.50	29.90
Steers and Heifers <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	66.00	60.00	61.00	68.00	61.40	61.80
Calves <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	67.00	70.00	72.50	82.90	75.70	77.60
Sheep <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	35.00	26.50	25.50	38.90	26.60	---
Lambs <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	84.50	71.00	62.00	83.10	67.30	---
Milk Cows <u>5/</u>	Head	---	1,310.00	---	---	1,180.00	---
All Milk Wholesale <u>4/</u>	Cwt.	13.76	17.39	17.20	14.70	17.60	17.90

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ California's November 15, 1998 price includes larger than normal percentage of low quality hay sales.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.